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GOV. EASLEY TO READ TO CLEVELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

RALEIGH-- In celebration of Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss' birthday, Gov. Mike Easley will read Oh, the Places You'll Go! to second-graders at Cleveland Elementary School <u>Friday</u>, (Mar. 2) at 10:30 a.m. in the school's media center. Easley will also visit the classroom of the school's pre-K program, which is a combination of Head Start and Exceptional Children.

This is the fourth consecutive year of the National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America Day. The NEA's goal is to help children learn, grow and develop a bond with books rather than television.

Cleveland Elementary School has been an ABC School of Distinction since 1997 and achieved Exemplary Academic Growth the last four years. Their school-wide STAR Discipline Plan teaches character education, something Easley wants implemented in every North Carolina school, by helping students learn to make good choices.

Directions to Cleveland Elementary School: From I-40 east take exit 312. At the end of the exit ramp turn right onto Highway 42. Go one-fourth mile and turn left onto Cleveland Road. Go about four miles to a stoplight. Go through the light and turn right into the front of the Cleveland Elementary School at 10225 Cleveland Road.

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